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SUBJ: ALLEGED TURKISH PLANS TO MOVE TURKISH MAINLANDERS
TO CYPRUS

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA CYPRUS-GREECE DEPDIR GUVENDIREN
JUNE 6 AND INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE BASIS FOR REPORTS OF TURKISH
PLANS TO SETTLE MAINLANDERS IN NEW FAMAGUSTA AND OTHER PARTS
OF CYPRUS. GUVENDIREN SAID THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED CABLE
CONCERNING AMBASSADOR ESENBEL'S DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT
WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMEN (REFTEL), AND THAT POSITION
TAKEN BY ESENBEL IN THAT MEETING WAS CORRECT TO BEST OF HIS
KNOWLEDGE. ELABORATING, GUVENDIREN STATED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE,
OF ANY MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE ON A SIGNIFICANT SCALE, BUT THAT
SOME SMALL-SCALE MOVEMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE
(A) SEASONAL MIGRANT WORKERS FROM MAINLAND COULD HAVE BEEN
BROUGHT IN AND HOUSED TEMPORARILY IN SOME SUCH AREA, (B) SOME
TURKISH CYPRIOTS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN TURKEY COULD HAVE
RETURNED, AND (C) LOCAL TURKISH COMMANDERS COULD HAVE ISSUED
ORDERS ON OWN INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN SOME CHANGES
IN SETTLEMENT PATTERN. HOWEVER, HE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT WHILE
HE PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LARGE NUMBER OF MAINLAND TURKS
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SETTLED IN CYPRUS, THERE WAS NO RPT NO GOT PLAN FOR SUCH

SETTLEMENT.

2. GUVENDIREN THEN RAISED SUBJECT OF CLERIDES' THREATENED WITHDRAWAL FROM VIENNA TALKS OVER THE ISSUE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM. GUVENDIREN SAID THAT BOTH THE TURKISH AND THE GREEK GOVERNMENTS WOULD LIKE TO HELP CLERIDES AS A MODERATE IN HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST MAKARIOS BUT WERE UNABLE TO DO SO AT THIS TIME. HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT IF CLERIDES MADE GOOD ON HIS THREAT AND BROKE OFF THE CURRENT SERIES OF TALKS WITH DENKTASH, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO BRING ABOUT A RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS. HE RECALLED THAT DENKTASH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO MEET WITH CLERIDES BECAUSE, WHILE DENKTASH WAS LEADER OF HIS COMMUNITY, CLERIDES WAS ONLY NUMBER TWO AMONG THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. GUVENDIREN SUGGESTED THAT THE USG MIGHT WANT TO COUNSEL THE GOG AGAINST ALLOWING A BREAK-OFF OF THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS OVER THE REFERENDUM.

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